

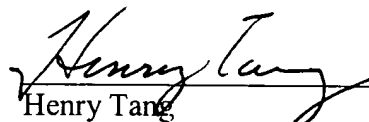
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a telephone interview with Examiner Pianalto on July 9, 2001, applicants' attorney made a provisional election with traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-12.

In an Official Action dated July 20, 2001, claims 1-12 were allowed and applicants were given one month or thirty days from the mailing of the Official Action, whichever is longer, to cancel the non-elected claims. It is stated in the Official Action that failure to take action during this period will be treated as authorization to cancel the non-elected claims by Examiner's Amendment and pass the case to issue, and that extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) will not be permitted since the application will be passed to issue. Because no response was timely filed, applicants expect that a Notice of Allowance of the parent application with the elected claims will issue in due course.

Applicants hereby respectfully request examination of claims 13-27 in the present divisional application.

Respectfully submitted,



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